

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-24. canceled.

25. (new): An oral drug delivery system comprising a coated tablet having one or more surfaces, the coated tablet further comprising:

a core comprising an active ingredient composition comprising at least one active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a composition selected from a swellable composition and a reactive composition located in an immediate vicinity of one or more preselected surfaces, and

a coating surrounding the core,

wherein the coating is operable to be reliably removed fully from the one or more of the preselected surfaces of the tablet upon contact with an aqueous environment, but not removed from at least one of the surfaces.

26. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25 wherein the coating is selected from defective coatings and reactive coatings.

27. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 26 wherein the defective coating comprises a coating with one or more passageways on the selected surfaces.

28. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the coating is impermeable to the active ingredient.

29. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25 wherein the coating is semipermeable.

30. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the active ingredient composition is present as one or more layers and the swellable composition is present as one or more layers.

31. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 30, wherein the active ingredient present in the different layers may be the same or different.

32. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the active ingredient composition comprises a controlled release composition.

33. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a second active ingredient composition, wherein

the active ingredient composition comprises a rapid releasing composition and

the second active ingredient composition contains the same active ingredient as the active ingredient composition, the second active ingredient composition comprising a controlled release composition.

34. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises a swelling agent.

35. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 34, wherein the swelling agent is selected from a swellable excipient, a gas generating agent and mixtures thereof.

36. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises wicking agents.

37. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the swellable composition comprises osmogents.

38. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25 wherein the active ingredient composition is released without a substantial delay after the tablet contacts an aqueous environment.

39. (new): An oral drug delivery system as claimed in claim 25 further comprising an outer coating of a pH-dependent polymer.

40. (new): An oral drug delivery system comprising a coated tablet having one or more surfaces, the coated tablet comprising:

a core comprising an active ingredient composition comprising at least one active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, and

a coating surrounding the core,

wherein the coating is operable to be reliably removed partially from one of the surfaces of the tablet upon contact with an aqueous environment,

and wherein the core further comprises a composition selected from a swellable composition and a reactive composition, said composition being in a form of an in-lay tablet,

said in-lay tablet being located in an immediate vicinity of said one of the surfaces from which the coating is operable to be partially removed.

41. (new): An oral drug delivery system comprising a coated tablet having one or more surfaces, said tablet comprising:

a core composition including

(i) an active ingredient composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient,

(ii) a swellable composition or a reactive composition, the swellable or reactive composition being located in the immediate vicinity of one or more preselected surfaces, the swellable or reactive composition comprising a swelling agent selected from a swellable excipient, gas generating agents and mixtures thereof, and optionally wicking agents and/or osmogents, and
a coating surrounding the core,

wherein the coating is operable to be reliably removed fully from one or more of surfaces of the tablet upon contact with an aqueous environment, but not removed from at least one of the surfaces.